

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota is the home of Catherine T. Williams, and we are richer because Catherine lives among us; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Catherine was born June 8, 1916, to John and Katherine Piskac and grew up in Chicago, Illinois, attended Catholic grade school for eight years and obtained her General Education Development in the mid-1970s when Catherine was in her 60s; and,

*Whereas*, Catherine married George C. Williams on July 11, 1942, residing in rural Perkins County, Bison, South Dakota, and to this union they were blessed with 5 children, 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Catherine resides at her home in Shadehill, South Dakota, and will observe her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on May 29, 2016, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2016, as

## *CATHERINE T. WILLIAMS DAY*

in South Dakota, and I join all her many family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State